



Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department

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News Release

Tippecanoe County Sheriff William. "Smokey" Anderson has announced that the Department's Bomb Squad has finished acquiring equipment purchased with grant funding from the United States, State of Indiana, and Tippecanoe County Departments of Homeland Security.

The equipment includes a Response Truck, X-Ray equipment, computer equipment, protective bomb suits and a Remote Operated Vehicle, or robot.

The purchased equipment will be used for the detection and destruction of explosives as well as improvised explosive devices (IED). In addition, it may also be used to assist Special Response Teams as they deal with critical incidents or hazardous materials situations.

The Department's Bomb Squad was formally organized in 1998 with one member from the Sheriff's Department and one member from Purdue University Safety and Security. Since that time the squad has grown, and it now it consists of six FBI/US Army trained bomb technicians as well as "Billie", the Department's Explosives Detection K-9 Unit.

Members of the team attend a six week course that covers everything from conventional explosives to nuclear weapons and includes training in dealing with Weapons of Mass Destruction. In addition, team members have also received training related to large vehicle bombs and post blast investigations.

The bomb squad has been deployed during many large public gatherings in the Lafayette area, dignitary protection details and has responded to several suspicious incidents, bomb threats and request for assistance from various agencies throughout the Northwest area of Indiana.

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